GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:19
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RELAXATION OF RESTRICTION TO VISIT TOURIST SPOTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Tourism has sent a proposal to Ministry of Home Affairs to review and relax the restrictions imposed to visit some exotic locations in the North-East, J&K, Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands without any official permission;

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof;

(c) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has received any requests in the past from the Indian and foreign tourists to visit these places;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the extent to which the tourism will get a boost in the country after lifting the restriction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (f): A comprehensive review of the Protected Area Permit/Restricted Area Permit (PAP/RAP) regime to relax the restrictions imposed to visit some locations in the concerned State/UTs, from the tourism perspective has been undertaken. Specific proposals in this regard have been received and are being invited from the concerned State Governments/UTs. These proposals are being/would be duly examined from the tourism and security perspectives with the concerned State Governments/UTs and an appropriate decision expedited in the matter.